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SUBJECT: MORNING SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT REPORTS

1. JORDANIAN ARMS PROBLEMS

A. THE KING'S ULTIMATUM ON AIR DEFENSE

PRIME MINISTER RIFAI TOLD AMBASSADOR PICKERING FEBRUARY 25:

--HUSSEIN HAS DECIDED TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE USSR FOR
AN AIR DEFENSE SYSTEM IF THE SAUDIS DO NOT PAY FOR THE
HAWK SYSTEM BY FEBRUARY 29.

--THE SAUDIS HAVE APPARENTLY FAILED TO REALIZE THAT
HUSSEIN IS COMMITTED TO ACQUIRING AN AIR DEFENSE CAPA-
BILITY.

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--A US APPROACH TO THE SAUDIS, REPORTING THE KING'S

RESOLVE, MIGHT BE HELPFUL.

JORDANIAN AIR FORCE CHIEF OF STAFF ABOUD, WHOSE CANDID OPINIONS AMBASSADOR PICKERING VALUES, CONFIRMED THAT HUSSEIN'S ULTIMATUM MUST BE TAKEN VERY SERIOUSLY AND NOTED THAT THE SOVIETS HAVE OFFERED THE TERMS JORDAN WANTS.

AMBASSADOR'S COMMENT: IT IS DIFFICULT TO MAKE A RECOMMENDATION CONCERNING RIFAI'S REQUEST THAT WE INFORM THE SAUDIS. MUCH DEPENDS ON WHAT EMBASSY JIDDA BELIEVES THE SAUDIS ARE LIKELY TO DO. I CANNOT DISMISS LIGHTLY THE FIRM INDICATION THAT HUSSEIN MAY WELL BEGIN TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE USSR.

B. AIRCRAFT FOR MOROCCO

PRIME MINISTER RIFAI, EMPHASIZING HIS REQUEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT NOT NOTIFY CONGRESS OF THE PLANNED F-5A TRANSFER UNTIL ALL DETAILS HAVE BEEN WORKED OUT, TOLD AMBASSADOR PICKERING FEBRUARY 25 THAT JORDAN IS STILL AWAITING THE ARRIVAL OF A MOROCCAN EMISSARY.

RJAF CHIEF OF STAFF ABOUD TOLD USDAO AMMAN HE HAD THREATENED TO RESIGN FEBRUARY 24 OVER THE TRANSFER PROPOSAL, CITING THE DAMAGING EFFECTS THE LOSS OF THE PLANES WOULD HAVE ON JORDAN'S DEFENSE CAPABILITY. AS A COMPROMISE ABOUD AGREED THAT:

--HE WOULD BE WILLING TO TRANSFER UP TO TEN F-5A'S IF MOROCCO AGREES TO REPLACE AT LEAST HALF OF THEM WITH F-5E'S; AND

--JORDAN WOULD PROCEED WITH THE TRANSFER ONLY ON THE CONDITION THAT THE USG GUARANTEE ONE-TO-ONE REPLACEMENT OF F-5E'S.

ABOUD SAID HE WAS SURE THE US WOULD NEVER AGREE TO THE REPLACEMENT GUARANTEE AND THUS FELT SAFE IN PROPOSING THE COM-PROMISE. (SECRET) AMMAN 1023 1045 AND USDAO AMMAN 251349Z (EXDIS), 2/25.)

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2. PORTUGAL: PROBLEMS WITH THE PACT

THE CEREMONY SCHEDULED FOR THE AFTERNOON OF FEBRUARY 25 AT WHICH THE AFM-PARTIES PACT WAS TO BE SIGNED, WAS POSTPONED WHEN THE PARTIES DEMANDED MORE TIME TO REVIEW THE DOCUMENT. IT DEVELOPED THAT:

--THE PPD AND THE CDS OBJECTED STRONGLY TO THE INCLUSION OF A NEW ARTICLE AND TO THE "OFFENSIVE" PREAMBLE WITH ITS REFERENCES TO THE AFM'S "LEADERSHIP ROLE" AND A "SOCIALIST PATH" FOR PORTUGAL.

ACCORDING TO FBIS THE OBJECTIONS RAISED BY THE TWO PARTIES HAVE BEEN OVERCOME. THE PREAMBLE HAS BEEN DROPPED FROM PACT AND IT WILL PROBABLY BE SIGNED LATE TODAY. (CONFIDENTIAL) LISBON 1221, 2/25.)

3. CYPRUS: WALDHEIM'S PLOY

THE GREEK MFA DIRECTOR FOR CYPRUS AFFAIRS, CHARACTERIZING THE VIENNA TALKS AS "POSITIVE IN THE SENSE THAT THEY WERE NOT NEGATIVE," REVEALED THE DETAILS OF THE DISCUSSIONS TO EMBASSY ATHENS:

--WALDHEIM BROKE A LOG JAM WHEN CLERIDES AND DENKTASH TOOK UP HIS SUGGESTION THAT THE TERRITORIAL QUESTION BE DISCUSSED WITH REFERENCE TO THE AREAS TO WHICH CYPRIOT REFUGEES MIGHT RETURN.

--DENKTASH SPOKE OF THE "SECURITY REQUIREMENTS" OF THE TURKISH COMMUNITY AND EMPHASIZED THE "ABSOLUTE NECESSITY" OF BIZONALISM.

--DENKTASH MADE IT CLEAR THAT HIS SIDE WILL ACCEPT A WEAK FEDERATION ONLY AND SPOKE OF "EQUAL POWERS OF DECISION" RATHER THAN "EQUAL REPRESENTATION."

A TURKISH FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL MEANWHILE DESCRIBED THE TALKS TO EMBASSY ANKARA BY SAYING, "NOTHING HAPPENED AT VIENNA." THE OFFICIAL ADDED THAT IN THE TURKISH VIEW:

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--NEITHER THE GREEKS NOR THE GREEK CYPRIOTS WANT A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT OF THE CYPRUS PROBLEM, BUT INSTEAD WANT TO USE THE ISSUE AS PROPAGANDA AGAINST TURKEY.

--CONTINUING THE ARMS EMBARGO WEAKENS TURKEY MILITARILY AND IS A DISINCENTIVE TO THE GREEKS TO NEGOTIATE SINCERELY. (CONFIDENTIAL) ATHENS 1770 AND ANKARA 1492 (LIMDIS), 2/25.)

4. TURKEY'S ELEKDAG: PRIDE IS NICE BUT A TREATY IS BETTER

IN A MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR MACOMBER, FOREIGN OFFICE SECRE-

TARY GENERAL ELEKDAG SAID HE DID NOT BELIEVE NATIONAL PRIDE SHOULD INTERFERE WITH NATIONAL SELF-INTEREST. ELEKDAG ELABORATED:

--DOMESTIC POLITICAL EXPLOITATION OF NATIONAL PRIDE IS STILL A MAJOR PROBLEM IN THE NEGOTIATIONS.

--CAGLAYANGIL'S TRIP TO WASHINGTON WILL NOT BE DEFERRED AGAIN, BUT AGREEMENT ON TECHNICAL ISSUES IS PROBABLY NOT POSSIBLE BEFORE THE TRIP.

--THE TURKS ARE STILL UPSET AT THE CONGRESSIONAL ATTITUDE ON ASSISTANCE AND ARE ALSO CONCERNED THAT THE EXECUTIVE DOES NOT APPEAR TO BE ACTIVELY LOBBYING ON THE HILL.

AMBASSADOR MACOMBER FLOATED THE POSSIBILITY OF A "SWEETENER" IN THE FORM OF AN AGREEMENT TO TURN OVER ONE INSTALLATION TO THE GOT AND ASKS FOR FURTHER GUIDANCE. THE AMBASSADOR ADDS HIS BELIEF THAT CAGLAYANGIL COULD STILL BACK OUT AT THE LAST MINUTE. (CONFIDENTIAL) ANKARA 1441 (EXDIS), 2/24.) KISSINGER

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